

Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett
 (FV) Calvin Burks
 (O) Keith Stifflemire
 (A) Kyle Stifflemire
 1st prayer Jack Wall
 2nd prayer Mike Mallett
 Announcements: Judd Wall
 Singing: Kevin Grant



Emma Burks April 28th

Connie Mallett April 30th

Jana Wall May 18th

Dates to Remember

April 28th

Noon Fellowship

May 5th

Mission Sunday

May 12th

Mother's Day

May 26th

Noon Fellowship

May 27th

Memorial Day

Prayer List:

Mike Lovell
 Letha Sheldon
 Ruby Jones
 Loyd Crownover
 Pray for our Nation
 Our Troops
 Law Enforcement
 Rescue Personnel

Thank God For The Little Things

Thank You, God, for little things
 That often come our way
 The things we take for granted
 But don't mention when we pray.

The unexpected courtesy,
 The thoughtful, kindly deed
 A hand reached out to help us
 In the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear
 God,
 Of little daily graces
 That come to us with sweet surprise
 From never-dreamed-of places.



April 28th

**Noon
 Fellowship**

**Graduation Party
 Honoring**

Kyle

Stifflemire

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Evant church of Christ

310 W Brooks Drive

Evant, TX 76525

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April 28, 2019



Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Things Jesus and His Apostles Never Said

By Seth Myers

When we open the New Testament, we have the blessing of reading two invaluable things:

1. The inspired record of the things Jesus did and taught.
2. The inspired record of the things Jesus' chosen apostles did and taught.

In no other place can one find these treasures.

In no other place on planet Earth can either of these treasures be found. Therefore, we ought to take great pains to note the things we find in the New Testament Scriptures, as well as those things we do NOT find. The latter—common practices or traditions that are not found in the NT—is what we will consider for a moment here.

Take, for instance, the question of how to be saved. There is a sad state of affairs in our day: many things today are said and taught in response to this all-important, eternity-altering question which are simply not in the New Testament. The question we should ask ourselves is this: "What did the Lord and/or His apostles tell people when they were asked this question?" The answer to that question will be the most valuable information one could ever hope to obtain on the subject. Everything else is completely irrelevant, and utterly worthless.

Here are some examples of things neither the Lord, nor His apostles, nor any other inspired man, ever told anyone to do to be saved:

1. Drink two 12 oz. cans of your favorite soft drink.
2. Bathe three hours in 95° lemon juice.
3. Read any four of Shakespeare's classics.
4. Acknowledge your sinfulness, "Believe in" Jesus, and "Call upon His name."
5. "Believe in" Jesus and pray the Sinner's Prayer.

None of these things were ever spoken by the Lord or His inspired apostles. Therefore, as absurd as #2 most certainly is, it is no more absurd than number #5—for their absurdities are both due to the simple fact that they are not from God and will thus not result in salvation!

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In truth, the only way one can know how to be saved is to look to the "whole counsel of God" ([Acts 20:27](#)) on the subject, in the New Testament. When one does that, this is the pattern one finds:

1. HEAR the Truth/Gospel ([Rom. 10:17](#))
2. BELIEVE the Truth/Gospel ([Rom. 10:10](#))
3. REPENT of Your Sins ([Lk. 13:3,5](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [3:19](#); [17:30](#); [26:20](#))
4. CONFESS JESUS [i.e., as the Son of God in truth] ([Rom. 10:17](#); cf. [Acts 8:34](#))
5. BE IMMERSED, IN WATER, UNTO ["in order to"—i.e., "for the purpose of"] THE REMISSION OF SINS ([Mk. 16:16](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [8:36](#); [22:16](#); [Rom. 6:3,4](#); [Gal. 3:27](#); [Jn. 3:3-5](#); [1 Pet. 3:20,21](#))

In no other way can man be saved, but in the way which God has prescribed; and this is what God has said. Will you believe God (cf. [Rom. 4:3](#); [Isa. 43:10](#); [Jn. 8:46](#); [Deut. 1:32](#))?

Must A Thing Be Prohibited?

Some think they are at liberty to introduce anything into God's worship, providing God has not, in so many words, prohibited it. This is evidently a mistake. Such a plan of procedure would open the flood gates for innumerable innovations. On this principle every kind of food and drink might be brought into the Lord's supper, and burning incense might be added to the worship. We must remember that law is inclusive and exclusive, including the things commanded and excluding all things else. This principle is too well known to need argument. Besides, in religious matters God alone has the right to guide men, and when man undertakes to add forms of service or worship not authorized by God's law, he assumes prerogatives which belong exclusively to God. He is presuming to take the office of God, one who has proper reverence for God so regards him. -

by C. R. Nichol